Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota considers alcohol and other drug abuse a significant health and social concern for the citizens of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota that suffer from their substance abuse or family substance abuse concerns seek help from South Dakota's Certified Chemical Dependence Counselors; and,

Whereas, Substance abuse professionals provide a means, environment, and method to assist the citizens of South Dakota to remediate the trauma of substance abuse; and,

Whereas, Substance abuse professionals provide services in prevention, detoxification, treatment and recovery in multiple settings; and,

Whereas, Practitioners in the field of substance abuse look to senior professionals in the state of South Dakota for guidance and training in the development of effective standards of practice in the treatment of substance abuse disorders; and,

Whereas, Doug Austin, Director of City County Alcohol and Drug Services, has provided over 25 years of service to the citizens of South Dakota who suffer from alcohol and other drug abuse problems; and,

Whereas, Doug has provided guidance, mentorship, supervision and training to the practitioners in the field of substance abuse through practice within treatment and prevention settings as well as within professional organizations that advance the field of substance abuse prevention and treatment; and,

Whereas, Doug has provided leadership to the certifying bodies in South Dakota, first to the South Dakota Chemical Dependency Counselor Certification Board, and then to the Certification Board for Alcohol and Drug Professionals; and,

Whereas, The Ceritification Board for Alcohol Drug Professionals will recognize Doug with a life-time achievement award at their quarterly meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota, on December 4, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2003, as

DOUG AUSTIN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State